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WALKER OPPOSES MAJOR TAX INCREASE
County Executive Has Alternative for Bus System

MILWAUKEE - Efforts to pass an increase in the sales tax and hotel tax in Milwaukee County will face a veto from County Executive Scott Walker. A resolution was introduced by various members of the County Board that would raise the sales tax by .25% and hotel tax by 3%.

“We don’t need a tax island in Milwaukee County,” said Walker. “Raising taxes will drive more people and jobs out of the county.”

Milwaukee County would have the highest sales tax in the state and one of the highest hotel taxes in the country under the proposal by various members of the County Board.

“In addition to driving people, jobs and business out of town, this plan would also keep people from coming to town,” said Walker, referring to the fact that a hotel tax of 17.6% would be higher than any other city of our size in the country.

County Executive Walker is pushing an alternative plan to use annual growth in the sales tax from automobile purchases currently collected to support transit. The plan would provide more than \$33 million during the next state budget and more than \$100 million in the following state budget to support systems like the Milwaukee County Transit System.

“Taxpayers expect us to find ways to support vital services without raising taxes,” said Walker.

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